

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES
DAVID L. BOREN COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:
Summer 2018 through Spring 2019

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	30	Upper-Division Within Major	18
Grade Point Averages:			
Overall: Combined OU/Transfer - 2.00 OU - 2.00			
Major GPA (30 hours; does not include Major Support): 2.50			
48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED			

Latin American Studies
B630
 Bachelor of Arts in International & Area Studies

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS Courses graded P/NP will not apply.	Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of International Studies Requirements	
Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of International Studies requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html	The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division, and a 2.50 GPA. 12 of the required 30 must be taken in the Department of International and Area Studies	
	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of International Studies Requirements Core		
Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)		
a. English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)		
1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition	3	Sixteen hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.
2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3	
b. Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language) The College of International Studies requirement <i>cannot be met by high school coursework.</i>		
1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____	3	IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community
2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____	3	
▶ 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____ One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.	3	
c. Mathematics (3 hours, 1 course). _____		
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) The two courses must be taken from different disciplines in the biological and/or physical sciences; one of which must include a laboratory component.		
▶ 1. _____		
▶ 2. _____		
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)		
1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government		
2. _____		
Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)		
a. Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hours, 1 course) _____		
b. Western Civilization and Culture (6 hours, 2 courses)		
1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,		
2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)		
c. Non-Western Culture (3 hours, 1 course): _____		
d. Additional Core IV Humanities courses (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.		
▶ 1. _____		
▶ 2. _____		
Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____		
▶ College of International Studies: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.		
	I. Foreign Language & Literature (6 hours) Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement, in any of the languages in the area of concentration. _____ 3 _____ 3	
	II. Latin American Studies (9 hours) Choose from a list of courses maintained by the department. _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3	
	III. History and Geography (3 hours) Choose from a list of courses maintained by the department. _____ 3	
	IV. Politics and Economics (3 hours) Choose from a list of courses maintained by the department. _____ 3	
	V. Arts, Culture & Society (3 hours) Choose from a list of courses maintained by the department. _____ 3	
	VI. One additional course from Areas II, III, IV, or V (3 hours) _____ 3	
	VII. International Experience Students must complete an approved international experience. Please check with the IAS Academic Adviser for more information.	
	VIII. Research and Writing Skills: Students must complete one research and one writing skills course in IAS.	
	IX. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours) IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in International & Area Studies	3
	NOTE: Students may take other appropriate courses as approved by the IAS Academic Adviser.	
	Free Electives	
	Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.	

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

UPPER-DIVISION HOURS: A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

MILITARY, MILITARY IN-SERVICE, SKILLS, APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, AND P.E. COURSES: A maximum of 16 semester credit hours of basic skills and/or applied technology courses. No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

RESIDENCY:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES: Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA; **and**, a 2.50 major GPA (30 hours, does **not** include Major Support).

SPECIAL DEGREES: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION: Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available online. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Latin American Studies - B630

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of International Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of International Studies, and Latin American Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or	3
	MATH (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
SOPHOMORE	Latin American Studies Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000 level)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or	3	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		
	IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR International Experience	Free Elective, lower-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	History & Geography Major Elective	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Foreign Language and Literature Major Elective	3	Arts, Culture & Society Major Elective, upper-division	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Foreign Language and Literature Major Elective, upper-division	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12
SENIOR	Additional course from II, III, IV, or V, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in IAS (Capstone)	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Latin American Studies Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Latin American Studies Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Politics & Economics Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.
This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their academic counselor, 325-1429, <http://www.ou.edu/international>.
Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours.